

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the animal is porcine, piscine, avian, feline, equine, bovine, ovine, caprine or canine.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to introduce the claims filed under PCT Article 34 in the WIPO application, and to remove multiple dependencies.

Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered in to the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's primary attorney-of-record, Karen S. Canady at (310) 642-4148.

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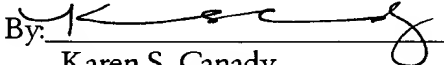
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